

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS JUNE 4, 2025 MEETING, AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER FUNDING, DURING THE FY 2026 BUDGET PROCESS, THE EXPANSION OF KIDS' PARKS AND RECREATION OFFERINGS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL WEEKEND CLASSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,000.

WHEREAS, at the February 3, 2025 City Commission meeting, at the request of Vice-Mayor Tanya K. Bhatt, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion item to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC"), to discuss expanding kids' parks and recreation offerings to include additional weekend classes; and

WHEREAS, at the June 4, 2025 FERC meeting, the item was recommended to be sent to the June 25, 2025 City Commission meeting with a recommendation to be considered for funding as part of the FY 2026 budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department offers various weekend programs and events for all age groups and facilities that are heavily utilized by the community; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department currently provides free community weekend access for Miami Beach residents at both the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Sundays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Saturdays, where visitors can enjoy the fitness center, game rooms, bowling alley, and gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department previously provided free community weekend access for Miami Beach residents at the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Short Park Youth Center on Sundays, but the Department closed the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Short Park Youth Center on Sundays during the COVID pandemic as a cost saving measure; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the Fall of 2025, the Parks and Recreation Department proposes to reopen the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays to gain interest;

WHEREAS, this reopening can be achieved through the addition of four (4) Part-time Recreation Leader I positions that would be a re-occurring budget expense; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department will evaluate community use to determine whether remaining open year-round at each of these facilities on the identified weekend days is warranted based on attendance numbers; and

WHEREAS, the reopening of the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays will have a re-occurring budgetary impact of \$105,000 for the additional positions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee, at its June 4, 2025 meeting, and direct the Administration to consider funding, during the FY 2026 budget process, the expansion of kids' parks and recreation offerings to include additional weekend classes in the amount of \$105,000.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *CR* 6/17/2025 Date